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Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a certified copy of European Application No. 00128489.2 filed December 23, 2000, in support of applicant's claim to priority under 35 U.S.C. 119.

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